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TO: The Ambassador

Attached is the UNHRC Working Group (WG) on Disappearances Report that was submitted to the UNHRC's just-concluded session. It contains the WG's report on Argentina. That part, at least, is devastating and I can see why the GOA did not like it. Unlike the OAS report, this document is very "readable."

The annexes include statements made by various Argentine human rights groups. Only one of them was by a group that I know is probably Montonero-controlled - CADHU (Argentine Commission on Human Rights - CADHU is the Spanish acronym). Maybe some of those with French names are also.

Extracts of Mignone's report (under the CELS label) are included. They contain the one name of an Argentine who disappeared in the whole report -- "Mr. Guadix," who disappeared at the end of August 1980. In December 1980, Guadix was reported by the Argentine Army to have committed suicide at the Argentine border. I don't believe that for a moment.

More likely, the Army had seen a draft of this report -- which was then in the hands of the GOA and manufactured the report of Guadix's death for the purpose of discrediting the Mignone statement and those of human rights groups generally. (Guadix's family went to the place where he allegedly did himself in to pick up his body. They were told that it was not available.)

Conte MacDonell, who put this particular tale together for me, also believes that Mignone's harassment by the authorities last December and January can be traced to this report, though I think he had already antagonized them enough to have brought on his troubles.

I have marked the parts dealing with Argentina.

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